

# Nonprofit thanks contributors, honors 12 companies



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## AWARDS

Twelve companies received special recognition for outstanding volunteerism, strong employee participation and civic leadership.

### Spirit of Texas Award

- Formosa Plastics
- Lyondellbasell
- Dow Seadrift Operations
- H-E-B

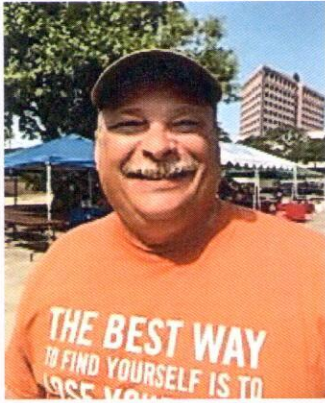
### Community Leadership Award

- Caterpillar Inc.
- Prosperity Bank
- Citizens Medical Center
- Ineos

## Community Spirit Award

- Invista
- Devon Energy
- Wells Fargo
- UPS

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VCUW 2016-2017 Board President, Dale Jones

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